

STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AN ALTERNATE MIXING ZONE FOR CHLORIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 2011 – 1F – AMZ - RD  
NOTICE DATE: JANUARY 28, 2011  
RESPONSE DATE DUE: FEBRUARY 28, 2011

**Applicant:** PICKLE PROPERTIES (FORMERLY SECHLER'S PICKLES), NPDES Permit No.IN0032981, DEKALB COUNTY, 5686 SR 1, ST. Joe, IN.

**I. Type of Application: Alternate Mixing Zone for Chloride:** On February 17, 1999, Pickle Properties (formerly Sechler's Pickles), submitted an Alternate Mixing Zone Evaluation for Chloride per the requirements of 327 IAC 5-2-11.4(b)(4). The rule establishes a process where the permittee submits certain requirements when requesting an alternate mixing zone under 327 IAC 5-2-11.4(b)(4)(A) and, if, the discharger demonstrates what is required under 327 IAC 5-2-11.4(b)(4)(B), an alternate mixing zone may be granted. This permit modification reflects the incorporation of the alternate mixing zone. In order to solicit public comments regarding receipt of the Alternate Mixing Zone request in accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-11.2, this Public Notice is published in DeKalb County.

**II. Facility Operations:** Pickle Properties (formerly Sechler's Pickles), operates a food pickling facility that discharges treated wastewater into Hindman Ditch, a tributary of the St. Joseph River which is located within the Lake Erie Drainage Basin, through Outfall 001 at an average flow rate of 0.036 MGD. This facility has continually evaluated alternate methods of treatment and different locations to discharge the waste stream from Outfall 001. In November 1997, IDEM received a report that evaluated two discharge scenarios: one, the current discharge into Hindman Ditch and the second, a proposed discharge-induced mixing zone into the St. Joseph River. On March 24, 2008, IDEM received a report that includes the NPDES outfall characterization of the proposed discharge-induced mixing zone, and the physical and biological characteristics of the St. Joseph River.

**III. Contact Person:** Mrs. Nahir Kesterson, Office of Water Quality/NPDES Permits Branch, 100 N Senate Av., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251, at 317/234-4222, or nkesteron@idem.IN.gov.

**IV. Comments/Public Meeting:** In accordance with rule 327 IAC 5-2-11.4(b)(4)(F), IDEM is required upon receipt of the application, to provide notice, solicit public comment and, if requested, schedule and hold a public meeting. Anyone interested is invited to submit **written** comments regarding the formulation of the Final Determination to issue the Alternate Mixing Zone for Chloride.

**Public Meeting:** written requests must include the name & contact information (address, phone, E-mail) of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request, and the issues proposed for consideration at the Meeting. The Department will hold a Public Meeting if requested. If a public meeting is scheduled, a Public Notice will be published 10 days prior, in the newspaper of the geographical area of the discharge. All comments & requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the Public Notice date. Notice will be sent to all persons submitting comments or requesting notification. Notice of Final Permit action will not be made to persons who fail to request such notice. All related documents are on file & may be inspected at IDEM, Office of Water Quality/NPDES Permit Branch, 12th floor/Rm 1203, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN from 9 - 4, M - F, (copies 10¢ per page). Copies of all materials are also available via email request.

**V. Additional Information:** Based on staff review and application of pertinent standards & regulations, IDEM has determined the application to be complete and proposes to modify this permit to incorporate the Alternate Mixing Zone for Chloride.

**VI. Notice of Final Permit Determination:** IDEM will provide notice of the final determination on this permit to all persons who submit written comments, or who request a Public Meeting. All other persons wishing to receive notice of the final determination must submit a written request to Mrs. Kesterson (above).